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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Applicant stated that the IDS filed on 7/31/2003 is a separate paper (supplemental IDS) from the IDS filed earlier (IDS filed on May 29, 2001 through May 7, 2002). Accordingly, the previous Notice of Non-responsive amendment dated on 10/20, 2003 is hereby withdrawn.

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on July 23, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action dated on 4/23/2003 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): at least one (*i.e.*, *JP-2000-164883 filed on 11/28/2001 or 3/22/2002*) of the information disclosure statement filed May 29, 2001 through July 31, 2003 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack Chen whose telephone number is (571)272-1689. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00am-6:30pm) alternate Monday off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W Whitehead can be reached on (571)272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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